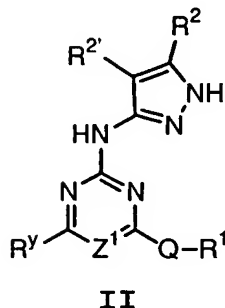


Abstract

This invention describes novel pyrazole compounds of formula II:



wherein Z^1 is nitrogen or CR^8 ; Q is -S-, -O-, -N(R^4)-, or -CH(R^6)-; R^1 is T-Ring D, wherein Ring D is a 5-7 membered monocyclic ring or 8-10 membered bicyclic ring selected from aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl or carbocyclyl; and R^Y , R^2 , and $R^{2'}$ are as described in the specification. The compounds are useful as protein kinase inhibitors, especially as inhibitors of Aurora-2 and GSK-3, for treating diseases such as cancer, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.

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